

Removal of the U.S. tariff on orange juice imports would not enhance free trade. It would rather give Brazil a total world monopoly, make that country the world's dominant citrus producer and enable them to control market supply, access and prices with no competition.

The Brazilian citrus industry has benefited from years of subsidization, dumping, lax environmental laws, price manipulation and weak and largely unenforced labor laws. I would urge our negotiators to insist on drastic reforms in the Brazilian citrus industry prior to agreeing to any tariff changes. Florida's citrus industry can compete with Brazil, or anyone else for that matter, as long as there is a level playing field.

WELCOMING ELANA HELEN KAPLAN

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I announce the birth of Elana Helen Kaplan. Elana was born on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at Fairfax Hospital in Northern Virginia to my former Legislative Director, Jim Kaplan, and his wife Stacie.

Almost exactly two and a half years ago I welcomed Elana's twin sisters, Shauna and Sierra, on the floor of this House.

Today I join Shauna and Sierra in welcoming their baby sister Elana. Among the proud family members who join me in welcoming her are her grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. Jerold Kaplan of California, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rothman of Maryland. Stacie's sister, Ms. Amy Rothman, Jim's brothers, Lt. Scott Kaplan (USN) and Mr. Glenn Kaplan, Stacie's grandmother, Mrs. Doris Scherr, and Jim's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schwartz also join me in this joyous welcome.

These three little Kaplan girls owe much to this chamber, as Jim met their mother Stacie through a fellow congressional staff member and proposed during a tour of the Congressional dome in 1997.

As the father of two daughters myself, I can only hope that these young ladies will continue to bring joy and pride to their family and to their community in much the same way my daughters brighten my life every day.

TRIBUTE TO KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF, TOM EDMONDS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kalamazoo County Sheriff, Tom Edmonds, who is closing a chapter in a long and distinguished career of public service. A dedicated and selfless individual, Tom has served five terms as Sheriff after being appointed to the Office in 1984. Over his tenure as Sheriff, Tom served the citizens of Kalamazoo in a number of capacities, all with great distinction.

Since 1975, Sheriff Edmonds' contributions to our community have been tremendous.

From post to post, he consistently received accolades and recognition. In addition to his remarkable service as Sheriff, highlights of his storied career include being Adjunct Professor of criminal law and procedure at Western Michigan University, Chair of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, Brigadier General for the Michigan Air National Guard, and recipient of Citation and Medal for Professional Service from the Michigan's Sheriffs' Association.

Many words come to mind as one reflects upon Tom's public service to our community. He is selfless, brave, generous, giving, caring, humble . . . the list goes on. Tom is widely known for his extensive charity and dedication to local individuals, businesses, universities, and the community as a whole. He spent a career devoted to the protection and safety of the citizens of Kalamazoo, and for this the county is forever in his debt. There is no question that Tom's dedication and contributions to the county will be missed.

Our community is in debt to Sheriff Edmonds for his continued public service since 1975. I wish him and his family all the best in retirement. Tom's contributions to our community have been many, and we are all better off from his service. He will be truly missed by the folks in southwest Michigan. I'm certainly glad he's remaining in our corner of Michigan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM OF TUCSON, ARIZONA

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of true champions. I am proud to report that on Saturday, December 6th, 2003, the Sunnyside High School football team of Tucson, Arizona once again brought home the Class 4A State Title.

For the second time in three years, the Blue Devils showcased to the state of Arizona their unmatched talent, heart, and dedication. In a 21-13 victory over Glendale Cactus, Sunnyside overcame a roster depleted by injury and what the papers called "undersized" players. Mr. Speaker, it's true that the Blue Devils have linemen whose physical stature is smaller than the average. But, as was proved in this past weekend's state championship game, physical size doesn't matter when you have the drive and the hunger for victory that these players do. Under bright stadium lights, under tremendous pressure and expectation, and with a defensive line outweighed by an average of 70 pounds, the Sunnyside Blue Devils came home victorious.

I commend these students and their coaching staff. Their fine efforts have made my hometown, and moreover, my alma mater proud. I wish them the best as they enjoy their victory and begin to look toward next year's winning season.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN WENDEL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Calvin Wendel, whose quiet and dedicated service along Interstate 95 in Milford, Connecticut has helped keep our nation's highways safe and important goods and services moving through our region for the last 43 years.

Cal has worked at the Secondi Bros. Truck Stop in Milford since it opened on July 1, 1960. With no other major truck stops in the area, it is highly visible and known in the truck stop industry due to its location. It is the first truck stop in New England off Interstate 95 that drivers come in contact with after leaving New Jersey. Over 120,000 vehicles a day travel past exit 40, Interstate 95 where Secondi is located, and the trucks that stop for service at Secondi are part of a fleet transporting over 72 percent of the goods we have at our homes and in our businesses.

During his tenure at the Secondi Truck and Tire Repair Unit, Cal has serviced over 74,000 trucks. Over the years, his expertise has contributed to the safety and economic security of every one of us. Yet, as much as his technical experience is respected by those who stop regularly at Secondi on their way through Connecticut, it is the personal touch he adds to his service and extends to those around him, dedication, high values, and respect for people, that have endeared him to his customers and peers.

As one of my constituents once said, "Trucks keep America rolling!" I urge my colleagues to join with me to honor the service Calvin Wendel has provided to all of us over the years, helping to keep American trucks rolling.

REMEMBERING THE HISTORIC LIFE OF LOUISE ELIZABETH BUIE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Louise Elizabeth Buie, who died on December 2, 2003. This diminutive woman, known throughout her home state of Florida and beyond for her contributions to the civil rights movement in America, packed the equivalent of two lifetimes into her 89 years.

Beginning in the 1930s, Louise Buie, as a member of her local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), fought against segregation in its many forms. She served as president of the branch for fourteen years during the 1950s and '60s and was at the forefront of every battle to integrate schools, hospitals and restaurants. It was Louise Buie who demanded that black baseball players be allowed to room with their white teammates in West Palm Beach, and it was Louise Buie who insisted that West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach and other cities in South Florida hire African-Americans as police officers and firefighters. Previously, those municipalities had restricted